

# GREENBELT

## News Review

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### Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

## Two Sites Approved by Council For Memorial Gardens in City

by Sandy Smith

Greenbelt will have two new sculpture or memorial gardens, one in Schrom Hills Park and another on Community Center property. At its April 12 regular council meeting, the Greenbelt City Council gave unanimous approval to begin work on both gardens, even with final policies on how individuals will — or will not — be memorialized within the gardens still to be decided. Council also voted to amend the city's motor vehicle and parking regulations to increase fines for parking illegally in spaces reserved for the handicapped and in fire lanes. In another parking related action, council approved the recently-developed parking policies for Green Ridge House.

### Memorial Gardens

Dealing with an issue which has come before them previously,

councilmembers considered various ways to memorialize those who have made contributions to the city. The garden in Schrom Hills Park was recommended by the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee; that on the Community Center property was proposed by the Arts Advisory Board. An overall policy on memorials will be taken up in a worksession with the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB). CRAB previously had prepared a report to council on a comprehensive memorial plan.

While appreciating the need for an overall approach, councilmembers noted that citizens were expressing frustration with how long it was taking to begin work on these projects. Mayor Judith Davis stressed the need for diversity. She said there were many ways of appropriately remembering people and

their contributions. However, the question of whether to memorialize people in general or specifically has not been resolved. GEAC's proposal called for a memorial in some form for several individuals.

Sheldon Goldstein of GEAC, however, disagreed. "The point of the whole thing is to recognize individuals who have made a contribution to the city." An anonymous or general memorial seemed to miss the point, he felt.

Councilmember Tom White said that memorializing individuals and their contributions has never been easy. "There has never been a safe harbor in Greenbelt for honoring anyone; it's always fraught with divisiveness," he said. "There's always a struggle to find a reasonable, equitable and thoughtful approach."

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## Goddard Space Center Holds Open House

by Dorothy Sucher

Sometimes Greenbelt — especially Old Greenbelt, with its Roosevelt Center, old-timey movie theater, Labor Day Festival, and Fourth of July parade — feels like Small Town, USA. Yet NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, a vital center of the Space Age, is located right on Greenbelt Road adjacent to Greenbelt. This huge, campus-like facility, sprawling over 1300 acres and employing 11,000 employees, is now celebrating its 40th anniversary with a full program of special events, some open to the public and others not.

### Community Day

Most notable for Greenbelters is the free Community Open House on Sunday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., planned as a day of fun and education for people of all ages, especially kids. Guided tours, puppet shows, scientific presentations, model rocket launchings, hot dogs and hamburgers for sale, and souvenirs galore — you name it, they've got it.

Many of the day's events will take place in or near the Visitor Center and the adjacent Children's Activities Tent. In addition, tour buses will leave fre-

quently to make a loop around the NASA campus, where many buildings are open to visitors for the day. Tour bus riders can get on and off the buses at various points of interest where talks will be given on the design and construction of satellites. Visitors will be able to see mockups of past satellites, watch real ones being built, and learn about some of the new technologies being designed and built at Goddard. The tour will take from half an hour to three hours, depending on the number of times riders choose to get on and off the buses.

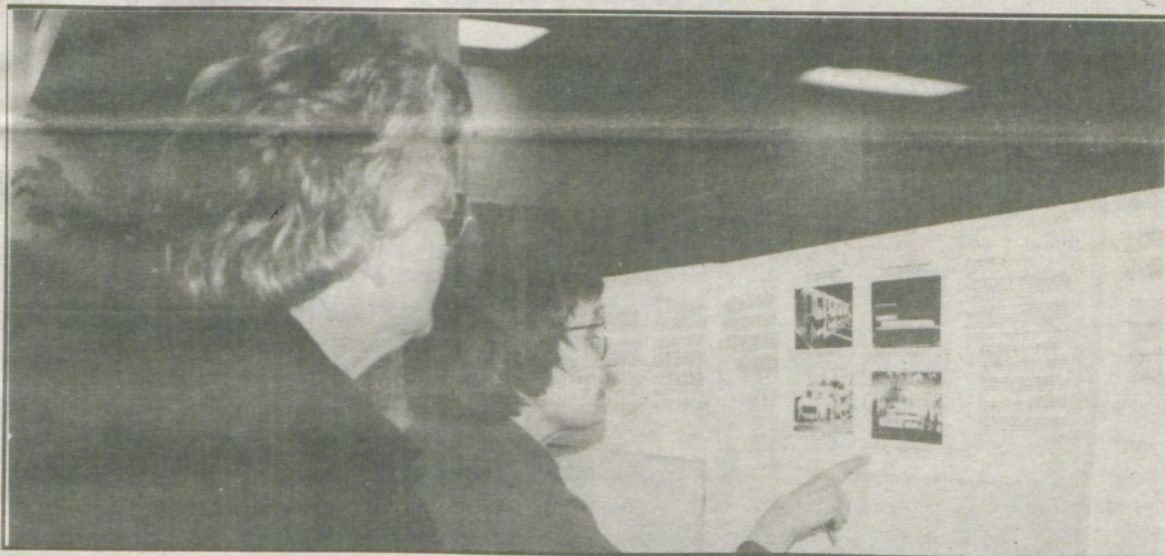
### Fun for the Kids

In the Children's Activity Tent, kids will learn to build "space helmets," which they may take home. They can play Space Bingo, make kites and Pop Rockets, and receive balloon rockets.

In the Visitor Center auditorium there will be three performances of a 20-minute show, "Puppets in Space" (10 and 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.), about a boy and a girl getting ready for their first space mission.

A ventriloquist will also be on hand, and the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform at 1:30 p.m.

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Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members take a look at informational material posted on the walls around the Greenbelt American Legion hall before participating in one of the informational meetings held to consider GHI being designated a historic district by Prince George's County.

- photo by Leigh Catterton

## GHI Residents Again Debate On Becoming Historic District

by Mary Moien

Thursday April 22 marked the second and final meeting that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) held to discuss whether to support the core of Greenbelt becoming a Prince George's County Historic District. About 100 GHI members filled the American Legion Hall to learn more about the project, ask questions, and state opinions. GHI members have already received their ballots in the mail. These must be returned to GHI offices by close of business April 30 or postmarked by that date. According to GHI President Keith Jahoda, the numbers of those voting, as well as the numbers voting 'yes' or 'no,' will be forwarded to the city as input to their discussions on seeking historic district designation.

Just as at the first meeting the previous Saturday, GHI staff and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Historic Preservation Section Staff

were available at the beginning of the meeting to answer questions from individual members. Members also strolled around the room viewing pages from Proposed Design Guidelines for maintaining homes and for addition approval. (All current homes, fences, additions, and sheds would be grandfathered in if the old part of the city became a historic district.)

Jack Downs, a member of the former Ad Hoc Historic District Study Committee, described activities going back to 1991. During this period of study, the city obtained Federal Historic Landmark designation. The 11 members of the committee were unanimous in their support of GHI and the city seeking the historic district designation. Downs highlighted the positive aspects of the designation, including protecting historic neighborhoods, providing an economic viability, and respecting the past without preclud-

ing modernization. He stated that the committee believed that a 10 percent tax credit for certain maintenance would more than offset additional administrative costs, but that issue was debated later in the meeting.

### Member Questions

Following a general review of the guidelines, the meeting was opened to questions and comments. Tax credits was one area of interest. Final decisions have not been made on what would be done with any potential property tax savings. One response was that the savings might be passed back to the members in the form of lower taxes. That then led to the issue of whether all members would share in the savings or not. The 25 larger townhomes, the four large free-standing homes and the five original free-standing homes on Woodland Way have been determined to be noncontributing to the physical history of

See GHI, page 8

## Old Theatre Stays Open With Help from Friends

by Altoria Bell Ross

Everybody needs a friend. The old Greenbelt Theatre is really fortunate. It has 215. The Friends of Greenbelt Theatre, formed last fall to help the struggling cinema, have given \$6,300 to help their friend keep its doors open.

Most likely these funds will go toward operating costs, advertising, and improvements for the theater, said W. Bowman Ferguson, the city's senior management analyst. He and Sarah Schaffer, city recreation coordinator and spokeswoman for Save the Greenbelt Theatre, have been working with owner Paul Sanchez to promote the theater since his announcement that he would close the historic landmark last December. However, by early summer, Ferguson said, new leadership from within the Friends will take the movie helm.

In conjunction with the growth of the Friends, the film festivals drew moviegoers and pumped up the theater's revenue. Audiences for the first batch of movies in December, "The Wizard of Oz" followed by "The King and I," and "The Sound of Music" drew record crowds to the Greenbelt landmark. The Hitchcock and the Indiana Jones series also brought in a good number of moviegoers.

"We did really well," said Schaffer of the Indiana Jones series shown earlier this month. For the first weekend, close to 1,100 people turned out to see the rug-

ged adventurer beat the odds against some formidable challenges. The audience was comparable to those who saw the bone-chilling Hitchcock movies in January. The Orson Welles films being shown this week look like they are doing well also, Schaffer said. And more film festivals are planned. Negotiations are in progress to bring "Star Wars" to Greenbelt in the near future, Ferguson said.

In the meantime, anyone interested in being a new friend to an old one can meet with the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre on Wednesday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.

### What Goes On

Sun., May 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. NASA open House

Mon. May 3, 8 p.m. - Council Budget Worksession - CARES, misc., and other funds, Municipal Building

Wed., May 5, 7:30 p.m. - Council Budget Worksession - Green Ridge House, at Green Ridge House.

Thurs., May 6, 8 p.m. - Council Worksession with Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek, Municipal Building

Sat., May 8, 9 a.m. - noon - Textile Recycling, Municipal Bldg. parking lot.

## Letters to the Editor

### "Tenor" Is Adult Fun

If adults in Greenbelt have not attended the current production at the Greenbelt Arts Center, Lend Me a Tenor, they are missing an evening of fine theater. The direction, the performers, the music, and the sets all combine to make this a worthy event, and the surprising frantic finale will have you cheering. Improve your health with laughter, attend Lend Me a Tenor, and thank GAC for giving us an evening of great fun.

Janet Jacobs-Parker

### Spurious Assumptions?

In the last several weeks, there has been a large push to vote in a Historic District for Greenbelt Homes. Little of the negative aspects of a historic district has been brought out. We have been told that conformity and a return to the past is better than the existing situation. We have also been told that massive financial gains are possible.

Many of these promises are based on spurious assumptions. What was the past in GHI? Looking at old pictures of the community show a sterile public housing project devoid of trees, flowers, and other amenities. Eventually, to maintain the soft brick façade, the exteriors were painted with white lead based paint. Defense homes built in the early 1940s were clad with asbestos shingles.

Windows in the early WPA brick homes were single pane double hung. Both styles required high maintenance. Window replacement was a high priority item in the rehabilitation because of the costs of maintenance and energy inefficiencies. In fact, we received a 15% energy efficiency credit on our individual income taxes.

Removing the asbestos siding before the State required it was a plus for GHI. Covering the masonry homes with modern paint, or in a few cases with siding, has effectively encapsulated most of the lead paint, leaving only a few homes with peeling paint and potential lead problems.

By becoming a historic district what do we gain: The potential for increasing property taxes to cover the costs of additional regulation and processing through a special taxing district. We also gain the discouragement in making improvements. We may lose the right to build additions, fences, sheds, patios and other investments to improve the value of our property.

Are we willing to look like a low income public housing project? What do you think the impact will be on value and resale potential?

Virginia Moryadas

### Not Blue Enough

I want my money back! After seeing Lend Me a Tenor at the Greenbelt Arts Center, I want my money back and the News Review should give it to me.

An explanation is in order. After reading comments like "The plot of the story seemed secondary to the prevalent sexual theme ..." and "One young lady stripped down to her unmentionables while another wore less than that..." in Altorja Bell Ross' review of the play, I thought a live sex show was running right here in Greenbelt. Thus, I changed my

plans for the evening and rushed out to see the show. I found Ms. Ross' review to be pure prudishness approaching Puritanical proportions. Fellow sex fiends will be disappointed to learn that prime time network television is more titillating. As a result, I feel the News Review should reimburse me the admission charge for the play.

Matt Elliott

P.S. My meager comedic talents were exhausted above, so I must turn serious. Since the play is advertised as a sex farce, the nature of the show should not have been a surprise. In the future, I hope the News Review can find critics who are not pre-disposed to dislike a play before seeing it.

People who are offended by this sort of play should not attend. Also, if parents feel their children should not see such, they should not take their children. I recognize that the theater critic is something like a baseball umpire: rarely appreciated when observers agree with the results, but universally despised otherwise. To be fair, I must thank Ms. Ross for her efforts and note that, in spite of her misgivings, she managed to praise many deserving parts of the Greenbelt Arts Center's current production.

### We Are Historic

This is in reply to the circular which came to Greenbelt doors this weekend asking us to vote against Historic District designation.

I support Historic District designation because in fact Greenbelt is already a Historic District. It is written up in textbooks for college landscape architects and city planner courses throughout the country as the original planned city in the U.S. It was planned to demonstrate that a whole town could be planned that would, among other things, foster cooperative living, a neighborly spirit of helping others, safety, and a better way of life. This is why so many people love Greenbelt as a great place to live. It is what many other suburban neighborhoods, whatever their price, everywhere lack. Making Greenbelt a Historic District will only give official recognition to what we already are.

At present I believe Greenbelt homes are greatly underpriced. Where in the metropolitan area can you buy a well-made and maintained two-bedroom house for less than \$50,000, or the largest nicest three-bedroom home for less than \$100,000 - all in a safe neighborhood with the best of recreational facilities?

Becoming officially a Historic District, while no guarantee of higher value for our homes, would give valuable publicity to our many advantages and make it more attractive to outsiders who may not know the value of living in this community. Even smaller homes in Annapolis and Georgetown are extremely attractive and have increased in value. Homes in the San Francisco Historic District, I have been told by residents, quadrupled in value.

From the information I have read, I believe that Historic regulations would have practically no effect on me. The vast bulk of regulations that GHI enforces affect areas other than remodeling and still can be changed.

No one asked me to write this

letter. I believe that we should vote to make Greenbelt a Historic District because that will make a lovely place to live even more beautiful.

Esther S. Webb

### Be a Responsible Pet Owner, Please

On May 2, the Greenbelt Dog Park Association will hold a Responsible Pet Ownership Day on the Community Center lawn in Old Greenbelt. It is my hope as president of GDPA that everyone who attends will have a thoroughly good time with their families and their dogs. I also hope that we come away with a reminder of what responsible pet ownership requires of us. I regret that those individuals most in need of this reminder won't be in attendance. Coincidentally, our responsible pet ownership day is also the first day of Be Kind to Animals week. Thus, it is a fitting time to reflect on the role that companion animals play in our individual lives as well as within our community.

Dogs and cats look to us for companionship, food, shelter and vet care. Yet as I walk around my neighborhood, I see too many public situations where the basic tenets of responsible pet ownership have been neglected. This lack of compassion and kindness should affect every one of us as such behavior carries over into other aspects of our lives and community. This week, take a moment to reflect on your relationship with your pet and discuss responsible pet ownership with your families. Reaffirm or recommit to being a responsible pet owner.

This is a good opportunity to remind pet owners (yes, that means cat owners too) that you are responsible for cleaning up after your pets regardless of where you both are, the time of day or night, or the day of the week. As a matter of fact, it's the law. If you would like suggestions and instruction on how to scoop your pet's poop, drop by the GDPA table on Responsible Pet Ownership Day. We'll be glad to share our approaches and famous techniques for scooping up after our pets, such as the used paper cup with lid, the plastic bag in which your morning paper arrives, or the economy brand of plastic bags or plastic grocery bags from your favorite grocery store.

Kris White, President, GDPA

### Montpelier Holds Spring Festival

The Annual Montpelier Spring Festival is a gift for the citizens from the South Laurel Recreation Council volunteers, who are celebrating 29 years of service to the community.

Everyone is invited to attend on Sunday, May 2 from noon to 6 p.m.



#### ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, May 5 1999  
7:30 PM

THEATER/REHEARSAL ROOM

#### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Continued Discussion of Board Procedures for Hearing Departures

## The Old Curmudgeon



"You've spent enough years in that chair to be nominated as an historic site"

### Read Fine Lines

After reading the fine lines on what is involved to become a Historic District, I am opposed to it as follows:

There is no advantage to the members on their taxes. If there is any credit or rebate on property taxes, it would go into the GHI reserves.

We have enough restrictions now with what we can do to our homes; if the proposal goes through it will be almost impossible to add on additions, new sheds, bathrooms, etc.

The statement was made if a

window goes bad, it must be replaced with a county approved window. This means that for the frame homes, replacement windows will have to be of wood construction and paid for by the homeowner. It is possible that the masonry homes would have to replace with casements.

From all I have heard and read, only the GHI area and the city would benefit if we became a Historic District. Is this why the city pushed ahead on the renovation of the Roosevelt Center - to avoid county interference.

Norma Lou Van Allen

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY



SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1999

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Inglewood Centre 3

9400 Peppercorn Place, Largo, MD 20774

Bring your household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, solvent, paint products and automobile fluids to be disposed in an environmentally safe manner.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE HAZARDOUS WASTE INFO LINE: 301-883-5045.

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## Easier Gardening Is Talk Focus

Carol Carter of the Landscape Design Council will be the guest speaker at the May 4 Home and Garden Club meeting. Her topic will be low maintenance landscaping. She will offer a slide presentation and will discuss how to plan and choose appropriate plants for such a garden.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Elementary School's Media Center. The public is welcome.

## Y2K News

The Greenbelt Y2K Preparedness Group will meet Thursday May 6 at 7:30 in the dining hall in the Community Center. At this meeting, Ellen Searcy will do a show and tell of Y2K preparedness equipment, where to buy the best products and the costs involved. All are welcome to come and bring Y2K gadgets and supplies. Learn about the best ways to prepare for possible Y2K disruptions.

Future meetings will be held every first and third Thursday, same time, same place.

### Tip

Recommended home safety equipment includes fire extinguishers, and battery operated smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

## Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

It was cold and rainy outside but warm and friendly inside at the Golden Age Annual Luncheon April 21. Guests included Councilmember Tom White, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Recreation Director Hank Irving and Senior Program Director Karen Haseley, as well as several past presidents of the club. President Bill Souser acted as emcee and Haseley reminded of the upcoming yearly meeting of the Senior Planning Board. The 50/50 was won by Mary Geiger and Teresa Scullen. Thanks to the Luncheon Committee, Bunny Fitzgerald, Pearl Siegel, and Joe Wilkinson.

May 5 is the monthly business meeting, with a board meeting at 10:30. Board meetings are held in the senior classroom, and the general meetings are held in the multipurpose room. At the May 12 meeting there will be a presentation on the recent trip to the Panama Canal.

The Golden Age Club will be visiting the National Arboretum on Tuesday, May 11. There is a fee which includes a Chinese-American buffet lunch, bus transportation from the Greenbelt Library parking lot and return; and a guided tram ride throughout the Arboretum's 446 acres. After the tram ride, there will be an opportunity to stroll through the National Herb Garden and the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum. Some blooms expected at this date are late Rhododendron, Viburnum, roses, various herbs, perhaps blue bells; service berries and others. Members and nonmembers are welcome. For questions or further details call John Taylor at 301-345-1608.

The club's yearly Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 12, with the location to be announced later. Bring items to the Senior Lounge - no shoes, books, or clothing, please. Jewelry is popular.

Now that spring is here, come out to meetings, even if it isn't as warm as it should be.

# Community Events

## GHI Notes

The Nominations and Elections Committee will meet in the GHI library on May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Blood pressure testing will be offered on Wednesday, May 5 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

The Finance Committee will meet May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Scheduled Board of Directors meetings for the month are on May 13 and 27. Members are encouraged to attend.

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Wednesday, May 5. P.J. Storytime. Ages 4-6. 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 6. Drop-In Storytime. Ages 3-5. 10:15 a.m.

Toddler Time. Two-year-olds and parent or care giver. 11:15 a.m.

### Adult Programs

Saturday, May 8. Poetry Plus. 10:30 a.m. A reading and discussion group for adults.

## Nursery School Holds Spring Fair, Auction

by Patty Bell

Put the fun back into Fundraiser! Greenbelt Nursery School & Kindergarten (GNS&K) will host its Annual Spring Fair and Silent Auction at the Greenbelt Community Center on Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (rain or shine). It's the perfect reason to spend some time with families, friends and neighbors.

This year's Spring Fair has been expanded to provide even more fun and excitement. There will be new foods, new games, live music with new bands. The silent auction has over 175 items to choose from.

The Taste of Greenbelt at the fair will feature foods from participating local restaurants including: Generous Joe's, The Maharaja Restaurant, Domino's Pizza, The New Deal Cafe, Chesapeake Bagel Bakery, 3 Brother's Pizza & Catering, Inc., Loch Lomond Bakery, The Bagel Place and University Donuts. Many area restaurants have contributed dinners or lunches to be bid on including: T.G.I. Friday's, Jasper's, Ruby Tuesday's, Chevy's,

## Genealogical Society Meets Wednesday

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society meets on Wednesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt library. The meetings are open to the public. Visitors are welcome and there is no charge. Curtis Smith and Robin Galender from the Library of Congress will speak on "Copyright Laws, How they Affect the Genealogist."

## Pride and Prejudice Is Movie of Month

The movie of the month at the Community Center, "Pride and Prejudice," will be shown on Monday, May 10 at 1 p.m. in the senior conference room.

The movie, starring Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier, is an adaptation of Jane Austen's novel about five husband-hunting sisters in nineteenth century England.

Einstein Bros., Chili's, Starbuck's, and Beautiful Day Trading Company.

The bidding contest will include tickets to sporting events, theater productions, health club memberships, museum memberships, car maintenance services, personal care services, unique hand-crafted items and classes to learn a new hobby. In the cooperative spirit of Greenbelt, member families add their own unique cultural flavor by contributing French tutoring, certificates redeemable for homemade dinners featuring Indian or Italian food, strawberry jam, a baker's dozen desserts, a homemade cheesecake and other assorted treats, delights and goodies.

There will also be games and art activities for the kids, including face-painting, spin art, noodle necklace-making and marble art. Live music featuring local favorites Beanfire, Rachel & Jaqui of Big Village, and Tom & Cal. In addition, Renauta York will perform children's music and stories.

## Some Garden Plots Are Still Available

The Greenbelt Garden Club still has some garden plots available. The plots are no larger than 50 feet x 50 feet. There is no water on the field. Gardeners sign up for a plot every year.

The Greenbelt Garden Club subdivides three fields into plots. Plots are available on Gardenway field (near path to overpass) and Hamilton East (next to GHI boat storage yard). Some plots are plowed. For information call 301-345-3275.

## Recreation Review

### Aerobic Kickboxing

The hottest fitness trend going is Aerobic Kickboxing, and it's at the Youth Center. This high energy fitness class is instructed by Greenbelt's own Rob McConnell. The class is available as a drop in, so come and give it a try. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For additional information, call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

## ERHS Class of 99 Grad Night Is June 4

by Mary Moien

Preparations are being finalized for a gala Grad Night party for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School class of 1999. The party, sponsored by parents and paid for by parents and donations will be held at a secret location on June 5, the night of graduation. This event is a drug and alcohol free night of games, sports, dancing, and good food and offers a last opportunity for seniors to all be together. The party lasts all night, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Parents of the junior and senior class have spent the last year planning and raising money for this extravaganza. However, additional help is always welcome. Anyone wishing to make a donation, contribute food or decorations, or work as a helper or chaperone the night of grad night should call Helen Tagunicar at 301-805-9806 or Peggy Katz at 301-464-4452.

## Explore Nature's Potpourri

On Friday, May 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. Explorations Unlimited presents "Making Sense of Nature." The presenter will be Marie Brooks, an employee of Watkins Regional Park.

Participants will enjoy the sights, smells, and sounds of nature. Herbal plants, nests, rocks, feathers, and a live animal surprise will be featured. Each participant will make a potpourri sachet.

## Buy Home-Grown Plants on Saturday

by Julia Eichhorst

The Greenbelt Home and Garden club will hold its second annual Garden Mart and biggest fund-raiser of the year on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Community Center lawn. The Mart will feature hundreds of plants, attic treasures and (new this year) rough-sawn lumber from Greenbelt trees. The club uses proceeds of the sale for its speaker programs and its community service project at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Some of the plants for sale will be provided by Greenbelt's Public Works Department. Bill Phelan, city horticulturist, and his crew have divided perennials located throughout the city. Accordingly a percentage of proceeds from the sale of the city plants will be returned to the City's Public Works/Horticulture Services.

Plants will include a wide selection of perennials such as roses, hostas, anemone, fall blooming iris, daylilies, turtleheads and angel's trumpet. Bulbs will include caladiums and elephant ears. Crepe myrtles and three varieties of hydrangea will also be available, along with seedless sweet gum and tupelo trees. Many types of annuals will be for sale.

The rough-sawn lumber has been culled from Greenbelt trees removed by the City's Public Works Department. Limited supplies of black walnut, beech, pear and apple wood will be available.

For more information, call 301-345-5508.

## Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

### MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Tuesday and Thursday, May 4 and 6

6:00 p.m. "It's Municipal Government 1999"

6:30 p.m. Leo Green "1999 Legislative Session"

7:00 p.m. "It's Municipal Government 1999"

### PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING

Wednesday, May 5...please call

301-507-6581 for schedule.



Greenbelt Recreation Department presents...

## Parent's Night Off

You deserve a night off, so take it... and leave the kids with us! Your 1st - 6th grader will enjoy swimming, watching movies, gym time, games and fun projects. And you will enjoy, well, whatever you want. It's your night off!

Friday, May 7

6:45pm-10:45pm

Greenbelt Youth Center

resident: \$15.00 non-residents: \$18.75

Please register at least one week prior to activity date!

For more information, Call 301-397-2200



## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS Community Beautification program

Week of May 3 - 7

The fourth week of the 1999 Community Beautification Program will start on May 3rd. The units scheduled for the fourth week of the program will include the following:

- 1 court of Westway
- 10 court of Crescent Road
- 2 court of Gardenway
- All courts on Southway

Further updates will be posted weekly in the News Review.

All questions, comments, or suggestions should be directed to Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-4161 ext 132. When possible, calls will be answered within 24 hours.



We can't call it

## TAE BO.

But how does Aerobic Kickboxing sound?

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
7:30pm-8:30pm  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
\$6.00 drop in

Saturdays  
1:30pm-2:30pm  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
\$6.00 drop in

Come and experience this high energy fitness encounter that's perfect for building cardiovascular endurance and toning muscles. In addition, you will learn techniques for self defense as you work yourself into shape.

For additional information, contact  
Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200

## McFarlands Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Henry T. and Kathleen S. McFarland will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 30. The couple met while students at Greenbelt High School and were married at Holy Redeemer Church in Berwyn.

Originally from New Haven, CT, Henry served with the Army Air Corps in France during World War II and led the popular area polka band, Heinrich & the Rhinelanders, for many years. He is retired from Goddard Space Flight Center, NASA.

The former Kathleen Scott is a Greenbelt pioneer, arriving here with her family in 1938. Over the years she has performed with many Greenbelt bands and choirs, led 4H groups and served on reunion and anniversary committees. She has been an active member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church since its inception. Kathleen is retired from the Food & Nutrition Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



Henry and Kathleen McFarland

The couples' eight children – Karen, Karl, Lisa, Janis, Joan, Anne, Jackie and Helen – will join other family members and friends to celebrate the occasion.

## Dog Park Group Sponsors Pet Event

The Greenbelt Dog Park Association (GDPA) is sponsoring a Responsible Pet Ownership Day on the Community Center lawn on Sunday, May 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be giveaways and raffles. Several pet stores and rescue groups, including Westie Rescue, Greyhound Pets of America/MD and the Washington Animal Rescue League, will participate.

Attendees may ask questions about what being a responsible dog owner requires or talk to the rescue groups' volunteers to determine which breed of dog would be best for them.

The Animal Control Officer will be available to answer questions concerning city and county regulations on pets. She will also have information about registering for the May 8 class on animal first aid. A local natural alternative veterinarian, Dr. Bradley, will be present to talk with pet owners about their pets.

Reptile Delights will have various sizes and types of captive bred snakes and lizards. Sue Madison will be available to answer questions about the proper setup for the reptiles, the type of enclosure a

small, baby reptile will require within a year or two, and information about which reptiles are good beginner pets. She also will provide tips and information about reptile husbandry, as 90 percent of being a responsible reptile pet owner is good husbandry. While the increase in the number of reptiles purchased as pets far exceeds most other types of pets in recent years, reptiles are the only pets that do not live longer in captivity.

Participants will be able to obtain their dog park permits if they have current county licenses, the dogs' shots are up-to-date, and the five dollar fee has been paid. The Animal Control Officer will also have the schedule for rabies clinics to be held around the county. Forms for county dog licenses will also be available.

One of Greenbelt's Police Canine Unit officers will be available to answer questions. Depending on the number of dogs present, the officer may be able to perform a demonstration with his dog.

Residents are invited to join the Greenbelt Dog Park Association and subscribe to its email list. For more information call 301-474-4285.

## GODDARD

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Rockets will be launched, as one might expect (3 p.m.), but these will be model rockets capable of attaining from 100 to 800 feet in height. Their owners are members of NARHAMS, a regional club that is the oldest model rocket club in the world, according to David Fair, outreach coordinator of the Visitor Center. The club includes adults and youngsters who build their own rockets, some from model kits and others homemade, including what Fair called "some really wacky ideas." He noted that a number of today's astronauts started out as model rocket enthusiasts.

From 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the Visitor Center grounds there will also be a Control Line Model Aircraft Demonstration. These small, gas-powered model aircraft will spin in a circle at the end of lines held by the members of a second club of flight enthusiasts.

### Science Presentations

Three talks in the Building 3 auditorium will describe some of the

## Lutherans Celebrate With Hot Air Balloon

May 2 has been set aside by Holy Cross Lutheran Church to give special emphasis to the theme, "Lift High the Cross." A seven-story-tall brilliant red hot air balloon, displaying two 40-foot-tall Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Cross logos, will be tethered on its parking lot until dusk, following the church service.

The Rev. Jay Mason, who has 16 years experience as a commercial hot air balloon pilot, heads the balloon team. His wife, Vicki Mason, is a private hot air balloon pilot. Their children, Lacey, John and Travis Mason, are the crew. Lacey is a puppeteer, does face painting and is a pilot-in-training. John and Travis are puppeteers, doing balloon shapes, hats, flowers and animals. The family travels together in this ministry, living in a RV and homeschooling their children.

The festival atmosphere will be enhanced, in addition to the Mason family activities, by contemporary music, food and drink, and the greatest drawing card, tethered balloon rides for a small fee.

pioneering work at NASA. Paul Geithner of the Hubble space telescope team will speak on "Hubble Today: Tomorrow NGST" (at 10:30 a.m.), describing the "new generation of space telescopes." At 12:30 p.m., John Bosworth's talk, "How NASA Uses Space Geodesy in Support of Earth Science," will focus on the study of the earth's interactions with itself through plate tectonics, the upthrust of mountains, and other such massive events. And at 2:15 p.m. John Day will speak on "Technologies for Future Goddard Missions," touching on such topics as the use of computers, lasers, and robotics.

### Entry and Parking

NASA employees only will be admitted at the main gate on Greenbelt Road opposite the Cipriano Shopping Center. All others should proceed down Greenbelt Road, turn onto Soil Conservation Road, and check in at the Visitor Center gate where security personnel will direct them to parking. Shuttle buses will carry visitors from the parking lot to the Visitor Center, which serves as the hub of the day's events.

## Farmers Market Is Now Open

The open-air Farmers Market, located in the parking lot of the Ellen Linson Pool, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, has now opened.

The market features a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, plants, and more and is open every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. through November 20.

For further information call 301-277-3719; TTY 301-249-4252; <www.parksrec.com>.

## Community Day Events at Goddard

The following events will take place at the Goddard Space Flight Center on May 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, they will be held at the Visitor Center.

**9 a.m., 2 p.m.** Living in Space (how the astronauts use their space suits)

**10 a.m., 1 p.m.** Goddard Jeopardy

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Exhibit Showcase (Bldg. 28 atrium)

**10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Tour Buses depart

**10 and 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m.** Puppets in Space

**10:30 a.m.** Paul Geithner, "Hubble Today, Tomorrow NGST" (talk in bldg. 3 auditorium)

**11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Control Line Model Aircraft Demonstration

**12:30 p.m.** John Bosworth, "How NASA Uses Space Geodesy in Support of Earth Science" (talk in bldg. 3 auditorium)

**2:00 p.m.** Last tour leaves Visitor Center

**2:15 p.m.** John Day, "Technologies for Future GSFC Missions" (talk in bldg. 3 auditorium)

**3 p.m.** Model Rocket Launch

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## Goddard's Forty Years Of "Firsts" Celebrated

by Dorothy Sucher

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, now celebrating its 40th anniversary, is named for Robert H. Goddard, who in 1926 was the first to successfully launch a liquid-fueled rocket. It soared to the magnificent and unprecedented height of 45 feet above his Aunt Effie's cabbage patch in Auburn, Massachusetts.

Today, of course, rockets soar to the moon and beyond, and manmade satellites routinely orbit the earth, studying the weather and other aspects of our planet. Many of these achievements, which would have astounded Goddard, were first accomplished at the NASA facility on Greenbelt Road that bears his name.

As GSFC marks its 40th year, it proudly celebrates some of its major "firsts." Visitors to Goddard's Community Day events on Sunday, May 2, will be able to pick up an impressive list of 62 such "firsts" — although to understand their full significance it wouldn't hurt to have a little scientific training.

**Space Missions.**

On the long list are several space missions that have "greatly expanded our knowledge of astronomy, including the solar system and its interplanetary medium," according to Senior Staff Scientist Stuart Jordan, who has lived in Greenbelt and worked at Goddard for 30 years. Two of these pioneering missions are "TRACE," the Transition Region and Coronal Explorer, which has provided the best high-resolution images of the outer solar atmosphere ever made, and "SOHO," the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, the first satellite to be placed in the so-called L1 Lagrangian point, a point in space where the gravities of the Sun and Earth are equal. Jordan has played a role in both TRACE and SOHO, as well as other projects at Goddard's Laboratory for Astronomy and Solar Physics.

The troubles of the huge and costly Hubble Space Telescope, which was designed to permit astronomers to look out to the edge of the visible and near-ultraviolet Universe but malfunctioned during its flight, was a major news

story around the world. The malfunction, however, provided the opportunity for a Goddard "first," the first in-orbit repair of an astronomical optical system.

This was made possible in part by another "first," the first satellite repair ever, when in 1984 the Solar Maximum Mission spacecraft and instruments were visited and repaired by a Goddard-trained Shuttle crew. Jordan noted that the repair "permitted that satellite to continue collecting observations of solar flares over almost one full solar cycle."

**Cosmology Firsts**

Goddard has been a world leader on the grand scale of cosmology firsts, and its Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) provided strong evidence in support of the Big Bang theory of the origin of the universe.

Other Goddard firsts have given astronomers new cosmic puzzles to investigate. For example, its Compton Gamma Ray Observatory detected mysterious bursts of high energy with a power output exceeding entire galaxies.

**Study of the Earth**

Goddard's program for studying the earth is currently growing in importance. Its Nimbus 7 spacecraft made the first space-based observations of the ozone hole, a program that has since been followed up by regular monitoring.

Goddard scientists also made the first earth photo from a satellite (Vanguard II), the first observations of the earth's magnetic fields, and discovered by studying the planet's gravity field that we have a pear-shaped world.

These are only a few in the long list of scientific firsts that have expanded the boundaries of human knowledge during the first 40 years of the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

Pharmacy Topics

By Sajida Qayumi, Rph.



Hay fever symptoms seem to diminish with age, a long-term study of Brown University students found. By age 40, nearly 5 percent of those tested noted an improvement; 23 percent were symptom-free.

More on hay fever: it can interfere with sleep. In a Pennsylvania State University study, a prescription steroid nasal spray helped sufferers sleep better and feel better than a placebo did.

Shorter-term medication against ulcers—taken 10 to 14 days instead of 28 days on a three-drug combination—seemed to work as well as with fewer side effects. *Archives of Internal Medicine* reported.

Why screen for prostate cancer? The death rate from the disease for men who had a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and a digital rectal exam was 69 percent lower than those unscreened.


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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a

PUBLIC HEARING

for

Monday, May 10, 1999 at 8:00 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1999/00 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 1999/00	
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Taxes	\$11,095,200
Licenses & Permits	497,500
Revenue from other Agencies	773,600
Service Charges for Current Services	1,732,700
Fines & Forfeitures	143,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	255,600
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$14,497,600</b>
Appropriation of Fund Balance	\$559,800
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$15,057,400</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
General Government	\$1,235,900
Planning and Community Development	513,200
Public Safety	5,558,200
Public Works	1,688,200
Social Services	280,400
Recreation and Parks	3,409,800
Miscellaneous	74,400
Non-Departmental	410,000
Fund Transfers	1,887,300
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$15,057,400</b>

<b>PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Cemetery	\$0
Debt Service Fund	1,452,000
Replacement Fund	408,300
Temporary Disability Fund	45,000
Unemployment Compensation Fund	5,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,910,300</b>

<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS</b>	
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,099,700
Community Development Block Grant Fund	100,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,199,700</b>

<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>	
Green Ridge House	\$1,018,701

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. Public attendance and participation are encouraged and all citizens of Greenbelt shall have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments, and to ask questions concerning the entire budget.

If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on May 10.

Copies of the Proposed Budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road, during normal business hours. For information please call 301-474-8000.

David E. Moran, CMC  
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## GHI

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the area and possibly may not share in any tax savings.

However, other GHI staff indicated that any tax savings may be consumed by the need for additional staff to administer the work surrounding historic district status. A third opinion by an Ad Hoc committee member was that any property tax saving should be put into replacement reserves. Thus it seems unlikely that monthly fees will decrease. However, members building additions that meet historic district guidelines will be able to claim a personal property tax credit.

### In Support

Several members took the floor in favor of the historic district designation. Pearl Siegel stated that members must vote yes "to preserve the GHI co-operative lifestyle." Mrs. James Maher indicated that this is a "throw-away society" and we must preserve our history. Barbara Stevens stated that with a large turnover in GHI members, she wants strong guidelines for how the cooperative will evolve over the next 20-30 years.

### Opposed

A number of members were equally vehement about voting against the designation. A member from Northway commented that although cities like Annapolis and Frederick may have had property value increases after designation, neither of them have the crime or school problems of Prince George's County. A few members felt that affordability, not historic interest, is what draws most people to Greenbelt and that by making more rules, the salability of homes will be jeopardized. Another comment was that GHI could improve the looks of the cooperative just by fairly enforcing the guidelines that are already in effect. Chuck Hess stated that the designation will have little positive effect on the city, but may cause added burden to members.

## Altman Comedy Opens at Greenbelt Theater

This week the Old Greenbelt Theater will show Robert Altman's 25th movie. Cookie's Fortune is an amusing rural comedy of manners with a typical Altman dark streak, set in a small southern town.

Oscar-winner Patricia Neal has the title role of the dotty Jewel Mae "Cookie" Orcutt, who finds companionship with her caretaker Willis (Charles S. Dutton), a goodhearted soul with a weakness for Wild Turkey. But Cookie can't forget her late husband, and one night she decides to join him by blowing her brains out.

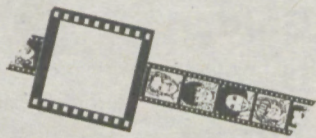
Cookie's high-strung pompous niece Camille (Glenn Close) finds the body. She covers up her aunt's suicide and tries to make it look like a robbery/murder (she takes the jewels for herself). Unfortunately, Willis is arrested for the crime.

The film is full of colorful, quirky characters. Liv Tyler is endearing as the sweetly rebellious Emma, Cookie's grand niece. Chris O'Donnell is surprisingly funny as her sex-crazed boyfriend. Ned Beatty, as the town police lieutenant, and Donald Moffat, as the town attorney, pursue the "sensational" crime in a dogged but decidedly informal fashion. Otis

Tucker (Courtney B. Vance) is a slick outside investigator who copes with a willfully laid-back assortment of witnesses.

Charles S. Dutton, as Willis, anchors the film with his warm naturalistic performance as a man whose slow-and-easy lifestyle allows him more time to be everybody's friend. The fact that he's black is not overemphasized but it's an unspoken factor in his absurd arrest.

Altman creates a most inviting community where the situation is sometimes bleak, but never serious. The movie is rated PG-13.



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The next presentation will be held on:

Monday May 3, 1999 7:15 p.m.  
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## CITY OF GREENBELT

### NOTICE OF A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE



The City of Greenbelt proposes to increase property taxes.

- For the tax year beginning July 1, 1999, the estimated assessable base will increase by 1.1%, from \$536,742,122 to \$542,753,419.
- If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$1.47 per \$100 of assessment, property tax revenues will increase by 1.1% resulting in \$88,366.07 of new property tax revenues.
- In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the property tax rate should be reduced to \$1.45, the constant yield tax rate.
- The city is considering not reducing its property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The city proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$1.49 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 2.8% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$217,101.37 in additional tax revenues.

A Public Hearing on the proposed property tax increase will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 1999 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

The hearing is open to the public and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-8000 for further information.

## Council

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Councilmember Ed Putens said that everyone is trying to do the right thing. Councilmember Alan Turnbull was eager to see something happen, but wished to set this up properly at the outset rather than change and correct things later.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts thought that the discussion had gone on long enough. He asked everyone to "stop beating around the bush." He said that he didn't get the point of a memorial without a name. A memorial is a memorial to people, he thought. What he liked about a memorial garden concept was getting away from the hard decisions of naming parks, streets, and other structures after individuals. Having a garden allows everyone to participate, even those not as famous or well known, he felt. Roberts then moved that council approve the construction of two memorial gardens and that later decisions would be made on how memorials would be placed in each. When the motion was seconded, more discussion ensued.

Speaking for the Arts Advisory Committee, Eileen Peterson said that it's hard to memorialize someone because "it's hard to find a memorial as big as a person," to capture all that person was and had contributed. As chair of the Arts Advisory Committee, Barbara Simon then recounted her discussion with the daughter of Lenore Thomas, the artist who sculpted the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center. Simon said that the sculptor had always

planned for her work to be in a garden setting and that it was the renovation of the statue which had prompted the committee to suggest a sculpture garden for Greenbelt.

Roberts' motion that staff proceed with both the memorial garden at Schrom Hills Park (specific location to be recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee) and a sculpture garden at the Community Center passed unanimously. Goldberg summed it up: "Start with the rocks and trees and then go for the plaques."

### Motor Vehicle and Parking Regulations

The fine for illegally parking in a handicapped space was raised from \$50 to \$250 and the fire lane violation increased from \$50 to \$100 with the unanimous passage of an ordinance amending the city's motor

vehicle and parking regulations. In addition vehicles will now be booted after five rather than 10 unpaid violations. With this amendment, the city will also be able to impound large commercial vehicles — primarily aimed at tractor trailers — that are parked on city streets overnight and provide a mechanism for finding vehicles with out-of-state tags.

### Green Ridge House Parking Policy

Council also unanimously approved the Green Ridge House Parking Policy, worked out at an earlier meeting after months of hearings, discussions and debates. The policy requires permit parking, visitor parking restrictions, recertification of parking permits, reserved parking requirements, and a requirement that vehicles be moved on a weekly basis. These policies were developed to complement the construction of new parking

spaces to alleviate parking shortages at Green Ridge House which had adversely affected the nearby neighborhood streets as well. To ensure that all residents are aware of the policies, they will be distributed to residents for each to sign.

### Other Business

W. Bowman Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst, reported on the film festivals at the Greenbelt theater. He said that although the official festival program will end this weekend with the Indiana Jones program, future mini-festivals are planned to continue, including an Orson Welles festival.

A report on playground safety was referred to PRAB. The re-

port identified significant safety issues in eight playgrounds in the GHI area and 23 other playgrounds in the city. Repairing and renovating playgrounds is costly and the city finds it hard to keep up with evolving regulations. An overall analysis and recommendations are needed, city staff has decided.

Council approved a name change for the Recycling Advisory Committee to the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, reflecting its broader mission and goals. Council also agreed to take no action on a County Council bill to establish a process to review a city's zoning designations as a result of city annexation actions.

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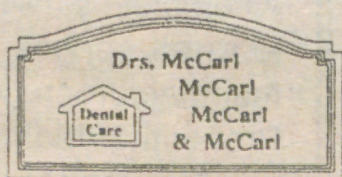
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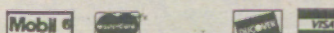
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## POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents

### Armed Robbery

Crestar Bank in the 7700 block of Greenbelt Road, Apr. 17, a man entered the bank carrying a parcel and dressed as a deliveryman. He approached an employee and lifted his jacket to reveal a handgun in his waistband. He forced the employee into the teller area, pointed the handgun at her, and demanded that she fill the box with currency. She complied, and the robber fled the bank on foot to a waiting green four-wheel-drive sport utility vehicle, possibly a Ford Explorer. The vehicle was seen fleeing the parking lot with red dye coming from the passenger-side window. The suspect is described as black, 25 to 30 years of age, 5'11" to 6', and 150 to 185 lbs. He was wearing a brown uniform. No one was injured in the robbery.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Apr. 19, 5:43 a.m., a citizen was walking from Giant Food to his vehicle in the front parking lot when he was approached by two men. They took his keys and demanded money. One was wearing a mask over his face; this individual pointed to an object concealed in his pocket and told the victim, "Don't let me take out the gun." The victim gave the robbers his money, and his keys were returned to him. The robbers walked away toward the rear of the mall. The victim was not injured.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Apr. 20, 3:36 a.m., 21 and 26-year-old male residents were arrested after using a knife to rob a citizen. These men, along with a third robber, had approached the victim in the front parking lot of Giant Food as he was getting out of his car. They demanded his wallet. One displayed a knife, and all three

grabbed the victim. During the ensuing struggle, the victim's keys and wallet were taken. The victim suffered minor injuries during the struggle but refused medical treatment. The robbers fled the area on foot, but a witness followed them and pointed them out to responding officers. The men identified above were apprehended in a gas station parking lot behind the mall. Both had knives in their possession, and one had a black mask around his neck. The victim's property was recovered.

### Suspicious Persons

5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, a 7-year-old boy was walking home from the movies with a friend and his friend's mother and parted company from them to walk the rest of the way home. A man who was sitting in a car in the travel portion of the parking lot told him that he knew his mother and to get into the car. The boy fled to his residence. The incident occurred on April 2 between 7:30 and 9 p.m. The suspect is described as black and having dark short hair, a mustache, and a light complexion; he was wearing dark clothes. His vehicle possibly a maroon Toyota Corolla four-door, had tinted windows.

6000 block of Springhill Drive, Apr. 18, a 15-year-old girl was followed into her apartment building by a man at approximately 6:15 a.m. The stranger remained in the main foyer of the apartment building while the girl entered her apartment. She exited her building approximately 15 minutes later to go to the Springhill Lake Shopping Center, and the man was standing across from her apartment building. He followed the girl and approached her at the shopping center while she was on the phone with her mother; he asked her if she wanted him to take her to a safer place. He then asked her if she wanted him to walk her home. He remained on the scene until her mother came and picked her up. On April 19, approximately 6 a.m., the girl's mother observed the man

standing in the courtyard near the apartment building. She confronted him, asking what he was doing. He stated that he was just waiting. The mother then went back to her building and had a neighbor notify the police; however, the man left prior to their arrival. The suspect is described as white and in his 20s, 5'8", with a heavy build; he has light-colored hair, facial hair, and blue eyes. He was wearing a black baseball cap, multi-colored jacket, light blue jeans, and brown boots.

### Gunshot Report

9200 block of Springhill Lane, Apr. 17, 11:09 p.m., several citizens called to report that shots had been fired in the area of the Springhill Lake Shopping Center. Officers arrived to find a window shattered by an apparent gunshot. Checks of the area for suspects were unsuccessful. No one was injured in the incident.

### Burglary and Theft

30 block of Ridge Road, Apr. 21, 10:25 p.m., a male nonresident attempted to gain entry into the residence of his former spouse by trying to kick in two different doors, causing damage to both of them. He then climbed up onto the roof, removed an upstairs window screen, and climbed in through the window. He was leaving the residence as the police arrived. The man was arrested a short time later and charged with third-degree burglary and malicious destruction of private property. He was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Apr. 22, 2:21 p.m., a laptop computer was reported stolen from a locked cabinet inside a classroom.

20 court of Ridge Road, Apr. 22, 8:11 p.m., two youths entered a yard and attempted to steal a bicycle. They dropped the bike and

## Hazardous Waste Recycling May 2

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fled when a witness yelled at them.

### Trespassing

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Apr. 18, 4:50 p.m., a 28-year-old female nonresident was arrested for refusing to leave after she had been disorderly. The woman was charged on citation and released pending trial.

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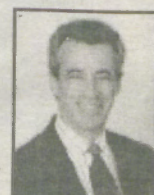
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